different rates. This is for the reason that the excise duty structure on fibres and yarns is based on various factors like revenue potential, consumption pattern etc. There is no proposal at present before the Government for levying uniform *ad-valorem* duties on textile fibres and yarns.

Banks in Punjab set on Fire

398. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of rural branches of the nationalised banks in Punjab were recently set on fire by the terrorists;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the total estimated loss in each of the bank branches destroyed in fire; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Goevrnment to meet such eventualities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The District-wise details of the estimated loss reported is given in the Statement attached (*See below*)

(c) Government of India have reviewed the situation and the State Government have intensified the security arrangements for banks.

Statement

District-wise details of banks branches burnt in Punjab during October-November **1991** *and estimated loss involved therein.*

Name of the Bank	Village/Branch	Loss of Cash
1	2	3
	Ludhiana District	
1. UCO Bank	Romi	55000/-
2. Punjab & Sind Bank	Chakkar	10000/-
3. Punjab National Bank	Mallan	35000/-
4. Co-op, Bank	Kamalpur	50000/-
5. Punjab & Sind Bank	Lila	50000/-
6. Co-op, Bank	Lodhiwal	25000/— + DBBL—2, Catgs.— 5
7. Oriental Bank of Commerce	Lodhiwal	..
8. Oriental Bank of Commerce	College Sidwan	55000/-
9. Punjab & Sind Bank	Nathowal	60000/-
10. UCO Bank	Jhurka	55000/-
11. Indian Overseas Bank	Theurke	3 lakhs
12. Punjab National Bank	Dhandran	3 lakhs
13. UCO Bank	Lalton	3 lakhs
14. UCO Bank	Surjapur	85000/-

1	2	3
	Sangrur District	
1.	Malwa Gramin Bank	Karor
2.	Malwa Gramin Bank	Mehal Kalan
3.	State Bank of Patiala	Jalalde Wala
4.	Co-op. Bank	Kutba
5.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	Vehla
6	Central Co-op. Bank	Panj Graian
7.	State Bank of India	Panj Graian
8.	Co-op. Bank	Bari
9.	State Bank of India	Cheema
10.	Punjab & Sind Bank	Bhotna
11.	Malwa Gramin Bank	Tholewal
12.	Co-op. Bank	Tholewal
13.	Punjab National Bank	Maur Nabha
	Faridkot District	
1.	State Bank of India	Sukha Nand
2.	Canara Bank	Mari Mustfa
3.	Punjab National Bank	Veroke
4.	Canara Bank	Rode
	Jalandhar District	
1.	State Bank of India	Kalyan Pur
	Amritsar District	
1.	Punjab National Bank	Chetan Pura
2.	Punjab & Sind Bank	Chogawan
3.	Punjab & Sind Bank	Khiala Kalan